industry at present; and

(b) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken to make the important tourist resorts like Mount Abu, etc., more beautiful and attractive?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFARIS AND TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) and (b) Tourism is the second largest net foreign exchange earner of the country after readymade garments. The estimated foreign exchange earnings from tourism during 1995-96 is provisionally estimated as Rs. 9185.88 crores. The development of tourist facilities in any particular centre is primarily the responsibility of the State Government. However, the Central Department of Tourism provides financial assistance to the State Government on the basis of specific projects submitted by them. For the year, 1996-97 the Central Department has prioritised a project for the construction of a tourist bungalow at Mount Abu with a Central assistance of Rs. 14 lakhs.

Development of Tourist Resorts in some towns in U.P.

1784. DR. RANBIR SINGH:
SHRI RAMNATH KOVIND:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to develop some towns in Uttar Pradesh as tourist resorts; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFARIS AND TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) and (b) The development of towns as tourist resorts is primarily the responsibility of the State Government/ U.T. Administrations. However, the Department of Tourism, Government of India provides central financial assistance to the State governments/U.T. Adminsitrations for specific projects based on their merits, *inter se* priority and availability of funds. The Department of Tourism, Government of India has sanctioned 26 tourism projects for Rs. 401.65 lakhs in the last three years to the Government of Uttar Pradesh.

त्रिपुरा में पर्यटन को प्रोत्साहन

1785. **श्री अनन्तराय देवशंकर दवे:** क्या पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान प्रतिवर्ष त्रिपुरा में पर्यटन को बढ़ावा देने के लिए बनाई गई योजना का अद्यतन ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ख) इन योजनाओं हेतु चालू वित्तीय वर्ष के बजट में कुल कितना प्रावधान किए जाने का प्रस्ताव है;

(ग) क्या राज्य के उपेक्षित पर्यटन केन्द्रों का विकास करने और इन्हें राष्ट्रीय पर्यटन केन्द्रों का दर्जा देने का भी इन योजनाओं में प्रस्ताव है;

(घ) क्या राज्य सरकार ने इन पर्यटन केन्द्रों में मूल सुविधाओं की कमी के बारे में केन्द्रीय सरकार को अवगत करा दिया है; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है?

संसदीय कार्य मंत्री तथा पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री श्रीकांत जैना): (क) से (ङ) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान, पर्यटन विभाग ने त्रिपुरा सरकार की 97.11 लाख रुपयों की राशि की, 11 परियोजनाओं को स्वीकृत किया है।

1996-97 के लिए पर्यटन विभाग ने, राज्य सरकार के अधिकारियों के परामर्श से, पर्यटकों को मूल सुविधाएं प्रदान करने के लिए केन्द्रीय वित्तीय सहायता हेतु 112.40 लाख रुपयों की अनुमानित लागत की 6 परियोजनाओं की पहचान की है।

The Room Requirement and Availability in One, Two and Three Star Hotels

1786. SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the room availability in one, two and three star hotels in the

ountry at present;

(b) what is going to be the room requirement in these categories by the end of the century;

(c) what are the hardships being felt by private investors in the hotel industry; and

(d) what incentives are being offered to the hotel industry by the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) and (b) Availability of rooms in the country in one, two and three star hotels and projected room requirements by the end of the century is given as under:—

Star Category	Number of rooms available	Projected minimum rooms requirement (in thousand)
One Star	4280	8.6
Two Star	10499	23.1
Three Star	13615	37.3

(c) High costs of land and financing including availability of sites are the basic problems being faced by the private investors.

(d) The incentives being offered by the Central Government include interest subsidy for specified hotel categories import of project equipment/capital equipment/raw material etc. at reduced duty, benefits under Income Tax Acts etc.

Tourist Project in Bihar

1787. SHRI GYAN RANJAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of tourist projects in Bihar sanctioned by Government in the current Plan;

(b) the details of the projects completed so far; and

(c) the details of the projects under implementation?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) to (c) During the first four years of the Eighth Plan the Department of Tourism has sanctioned 19 projects amounting to Rs. 336.56 lakhs.

The implementation of these projects is the responsibility of the State Government.

मध्य प्रदेश के कुछ स्थानों को पर्यटक स्थल के रूप में घोषित किया जाना

1788. श्री अजीत जोगी: क्या पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार मध्य प्रदेश के चित्रकूट, अमरकंटक, देवतालाब और मैहर को पर्यटक स्थल के रूप में घोषित करने और उन्हें पर्यटक स्थलों की सूची में शामिल करने पर विचार कर रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण है?

संसदीय कार्य मंत्री तथा पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री श्रीकांत जेना): (क) से (ग) पर्यटक केन्द्रों की पहचान करना, मुख्यतः राज्य सरकारों/संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों के प्रशासन की जिम्मेदारी है। तथापि, पर्यटन विभाग, विशिष्ट पर्यटन परियोजनाओं हेतु, राज्य सरकारों/संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों के प्रशासन को उनके गुण-दोषों/पारस्परिक प्राथमिकता और धन की उपलब्धता के आधार पर केन्द्रीय वित्तीय सहायता प्रदान करता है।

12.00 NOON

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Notifications of the Securities and Exchange Board of India

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): Sir, I lay on the Table, under Section 31 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992, a copy each (in English and